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SUBJECT:EXPULSION OF THREE U.S. CITIZENS

REF: LA PAZ 5539 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONSUL MILBURN IS COMMENDED ON HIS IMAGINATIVE ACTION
IN ENCOURAGING THE USE OF INFORMAL EXPULSION PROCEDURES IN
THE SUBJECT CASES. SUCH TREATMENT OF SMALL USERS IS VERY
SIMILAR TO PRESENT PRACTICE IN MEXICO WHICH HAS RESULTED
IN RECENT WEEKS IN THE EXPULSION OF OVER 50 MINOR VIOLATORS
(FYI: MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT
POSSESSION OF AMOUNTS OF LESS THAN 100 GRAMS OF MARI-
JUANA OR OF LESS THAN 3 GRAMS OF COCAINE OR
HEROIN INDICATE SMALL USERS WHO SHOULD BE EXPE'-ED RATHER
THAN PROSECUTED).

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2. ENCOURAGEMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO UTILIZE EXPULSION
OR DEPORTATION OPTIONS, WHEN AVAILABLE UNDER LOCAL LAW, IN
CASES OF ARREST OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WITH SMALL USER
AMOUNTS OF NARCOTICS IN THEIR POSSESSION IS ALSO CONSISTENT
WITH OUR POLICY TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO TRAFFICKERS
AND ALL ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION SHOULD URGE LOCAL AUTHORI-

TIES TO MAKE APPROPRIATE USE OF THIS OPTION. IT IS BECOM-
ING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER

PRESSURES GENERATED BY THE IMPRISONMENT IN FOREIGN
JAILS OF SMALL USERS MAY SERIOUSLY ERODE THE POLITICAL
SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR OUR ROLE IN AN INTERNATIONAL DRUG
INTERDICTION PROGRAM.

3. AMENDMENT OF THE SCS HANDBOOK ON "PROTECTION OF
AMERICAN NATIONALS ARRESTED, ON TRIAL, OR IMPRISONED"
TO ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE USE OF EXPULSION OR DEPOR-
TATION PROCEDURES IS IN PREPARATION. VANCE

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